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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	50243-0001
First Named Inventor	Phillips et al.
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	
Filing Date	
Art Unit	
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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SURGICAL RETRCTOR CLAMP CONNECTABLE TO AN ARM OF THE RETRCTOR

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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